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Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2002-2003 has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information set out below, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 2002-2003 is considered by the Committee.

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Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2002-2003[1]

Agenda item	*Documentation*
2002	
1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[2]	Report of the Economic and Social Council
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)
	Report of the Secretary-General on his study of the possibility of periodically bringing together high-level policy makers responsible for public administration reform (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.42, para. 4)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.42, para. 5)[3]
2. Macroeconomic policy questions	
(a) International trade and development	Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))
	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.49, para. 4)
(b) Commodities	Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 55/183)
(c) Science and technology for development	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and

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	Technology at its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 55/185)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.52, para. 8)[3]
(d) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.43, para. 4)
(e) International financial system and development	Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.44, para. 4)
3. Sectoral policy questions	
(a) Industrial development cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 55/187)
(b) Business and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the continuing implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/204 (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.18, para. 2)
	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds and repatriation of such funds (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26, paras. 5 and 6)
4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 55/189)
(a) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and	Report of the Secretary-General on an overview of the challenges and constraints as well as progress made towards achieving the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the

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	Development of the developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade	1990s (General Assembly resolution 55/190 and draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23, para. 3)
(b)	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 55/191)
(c)	Culture and development	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 55/192)
(d)	High-level dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.22, para. 5
5.	Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken in preparation for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (General Assembly resolution 55/196 and draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.48, para. 4)
		Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its seventh special session (General Assembly resolution 53/242)
(a)	Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 47/191)
		Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its second session (Council resolution 2000/35)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11, para. 11)

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(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.46, para. 7)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15, para. 21)
(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41, para. 8)
(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa	Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1, para. 14)
(e) Convention on Biological Diversity	Report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.9, paras. 8 and 9)
(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 55/203)
	Report of the Secretary-General on further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.53, paras. 11 and 12)
(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme, 1996-2005	Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the effective implementation of, and mobilization of resources for, the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.8, para. 15)

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6. Operational activities for development	
(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)
	Report of the Secretary-General on concrete measures for promoting and facilitating South-South cooperation (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.54, para. 11)
7. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)	Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund for poverty eradication (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5, para. 26)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5, para. 27)
8. Training and research	
United Nations University	Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII) and Assembly decision 52/450)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 55/206)
United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30, para. 13)
9. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/211
10. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the	Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29, para. 5)

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Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources	
11. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields	Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2001/21 and draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27, paras. 2 and 3)[3]
12. Implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002)	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25, paras. 12 and 13)
13. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.45, para. 3)
14. Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47, para. 4)
15. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.39, para. 10)
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40, section III, para. 5)
2003[4]	
1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[5]	Report of the Economic and Social Council
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

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2. Macroeconomic policy questions	
(a) International trade and development	Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))
	Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures of political and economic coercion against developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.36, para. 4)
	Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37, para. 17)
(b) Science and technology for development	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for development at its seventh session (General Assembly resolution 55/185)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the present constraints to the access to knowledge and technology, as well as on possible ways and means of improving the transfer of technology to developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.2, para. 9)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.52, para. 8)[3]
3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 55/189)
(a) Women in development	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 54/210, and draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.21, paras. 22 and 23)
(b) Human resources development	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 54/211, and draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24, paras. 17 and 18)

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(c) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues	Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (General Assembly resolution 54/212 and draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.28, para. 9)
(d) Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40, sect. I.A, para. 5)[3]
4. Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)[3]
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[3]
(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for Further Implementation of Agenda 21	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)
	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its third session (Council resolution 2000/35)
5. Operational activities for development	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)
(a) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[3]

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolutions 50/119, 52/205 and 54/226, and draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.54, para. 13)
6. Training and research	Report of the Secretary-General on the work, activities and accomplishments of the United Nations System Staff College (General Assembly resolutions 55/207 and 55/278)

Notes

[1] The Second Committee, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, will hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[2] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly; the list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 2002.

[3] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

[4] The programme of work and documentation list for 2003 will be updated in 2002, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

[5] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly; the list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 2003.